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Dear Idaho Representatives and Senators,

On behalf of the 400+ members of the Panhandle Trail Riders Association (PANTRA), I would like to thank you for voting 'NAY' on House Bill 509 and helping to defeat it.

PANTRA is aware that 3 out of 4 trails in Idaho do not meet Federal standards and that more funding is needed for trail maintenance. However, we are confident that eliminating reciprocity and charging non-residents for OHV recreation in Idaho would not only not generate the needed trail funding, but would more than likely bring less tourist dollars to the state due to more families staying home because of the increased costs. We are also confident that the loss of reciprocity caused by House Bill 509 would have been an unfair burden on Idaho residents that live in the Panhandle region that recreate in Idaho, Washington, and Montana due to the political boundaries and geography of the area.

The defeat of House Bill 509 will be an opportunity for all of Idaho's OHV groups and other interested parties to work together and develop a trail funding plan that is fair, equitable, and meets the needs of all of Idaho.

Thank you again for listening to our voices!

Regards,

Steve Hart
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